

I am just a regular citizen w/o cable or satalite coverage for T.V. I listen to many hours daily of talk radio which covers more completly subjects I'm interested in, including a local talk show. The two main stations in Fort Myers are owned by the same company. Finally, recently, the ownership changed it's programming BACK to two English speaking stations. The market here demanded it and I salute ownership for that change. The shows on the two stations are now fairly diverse in view.

If any change is made it should tighten the rules of ownership in individual markets. Although there is improvement lately, I am uncomfortable with both stations (which are the major a.m. stations being owner by the same company. I would much prefer and be more comfortable with the idea that every station in any given market be owned by different companies. I have long been worried over the huge media companies buying up smaller companies and individual stations.

To respect the diversity of ideas and opinions in our republic, the more varied the voice, the better the coverage.

If the networks are concerned with raising their revenues, they might consider offering better quality programming instead of the insulting and often pornographic programs and the "entertainment news" they mostly now offer. They also might consider covering news that reaches beyond their current selections. I often have to go to foreign media or books to become informed on topics vital to the interest of Americans.

Please vote NO to increasing ownership of media outlets. After all, the air waves do belong to the public and the primary consideration of the FCC must always be what is in the interest of a well informed public.

Respectfully,

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